

BEL AIR-BEVERLY CREST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 28, 2008
Community Magnet School
11301 Bellagio Road
Los Angeles, CA 90049

Persons in Attendance

Quorum: 12

2008 Stakeholder Groups with Certified Representatives	Present	Absent
<i>Bel-Air Association</i>		
Cyrus Nownejad for Eric Ridgely	X	
Andrew Schwartz	X	
Michelle Fleenor	X	
<i>Bel-Air Crest Master Homeowner Association</i>		
Irene Sandler		X
<i>Bel-Air Park HOA</i>		
Gary Plotkin	X	
<i>Benedict Canyon Association</i>		
Joshua Berman	X	
Alan Fine		X
Don Loze	X	
Nickie Miner	X	
<i>Benedict Hills Estates Association</i>		
Ed Brody		X
<i>Beverly Glen Park HOA</i>		
Larry Leisten		X
<i>Crests Neighborhood Association</i>		
Ron Galperin	X	
<i>Employee Associations</i>		
Marcia Selz		X
<i>Faith-Based Organizations</i>		
Mike Sipple		X
<i>Glenridge HOA</i>		
Jerry Appel		X
<i>Holmby Hills Homeowners Association</i>		
Avi Rojany		X
<i>7-12 Private Schools</i>		
John Amato	X	
<i>7-12 Public Schools</i>		
Pam Marton		X
<i>K-6 Private Schools</i>		
Vicki Kelly	X	
<i>Laurel Canyon Association</i>		
Monica Weil	X	
Cassandra Barrère		X
Gary Gole	X	
Jim Nelson		X
<i>Lookout Mountain Alliance</i>		
Christopher Carradine		X
<i>Members-at-Large</i>		
Carol Sidlow	X	
Charles Maginnis	X	
<i>Moraga-Sepulveda Business Area</i>		
Ron Hudson	X	
<i>Residents of Beverly Glen</i>		
Pam Cooke		X
Robert Ringler	X	
<i>Roscomare Valley Association</i>		

Robin Greenberg	X	
Steve Twining	X	
<i>Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy</i>		
Carolyn Carradine		X
<i>Save Our Strip</i>		
Mark Krajewski	X	
GG Verone	X	

From DONE: None

From CD5 Office: Sonia Kwon

From the Mayor's Office: None

Roll Call (Agenda Item #1)

- President Robert Ringler called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. He announced the meeting would not be audio taped.
- David Espinoza called the roll. There was a quorum.

Introductions (Agenda Item #2)

- President Ringler announced that Marcia Selz father had passed away and asked for a moment of silence in his memory.
- President Ringler asked for Council Members and attendees take introduce themselves and state their affiliation.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (Agenda Item #3)

- Vickie Kelly moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. G.G. Verone seconded the motion. David Espinoza commented on an update added to a motion item that was approved. Andrew moved to approve minutes as corrected. Steve Twining seconded. Motion approved unanimously with corrections by voice vote.

Public Comments (Item #4)

- Battalion Chief Randy Beaty introduced himself as the new chief and Mike Toby of Fire Station 37. He thanked everyone for the overwhelming welcome he has received and expressed his gratefulness. He left his contact information with David Espinoza. Chair Ringler thanked the Chief for his service and commented on the Board's recent approval of \$5,000 for the station.
- Ron Galperin thanked Chief Beaty, Robin Greenberg, David Espinoza and all members that contributed their time to Fire Day.
- Chief Beaty invited everyone to the open house of LAFD's new Air Operations Facility on Saturday, May 31, 2008 at 10 am at the Van Nuys Airport.
- Raymond Yu invited everyone to Memorial Day Parade on May 30, 2008 and to the LA Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade on Sunday, June 8, 2008 from 11 am until 3 pm.
- Steven Twining spoke as a public comment regarding Allan Nadir running for LA County Superior Court Judge Office No. 123.

President's Report (Agenda Item #5)

- President Ringler invited Laura Lake from the Westwood Library Gardens to speak regarding a proposal for the abandoned surface parking lot adjacent to the Westwood Branch Library.
- Laura introduced herself and passed out information on creating a public space on the existing parking lot.
- Laura discussed the need to create a green area that will impact the community and asked for support from the Board.
- President Ringler passed out a letter from Councilman's Weiss' office discussing his involvement with the property and working with the community to create park space on the lot.
- Steve Twining asked what the analysis of \$5,000,000 was. Laura commented the cost would be for landscaping.
- President Ringler invited Judy Branfman from the California Clean Money Campaign to speak regarding the LA Full Public Funding Education and Feedback Project.

- Judy introduced herself and passed out information regarding the Project. She explained the need for comments from Neighborhood Councils and asked the Board if they would consider holding a workshop to discuss the Project.
- Chair Ringler asked the Board if anyone would be interested in being apart of the workshop.
- Mark Krajewski offered to be the contact person between the Board and Judy and passed around a sign up sheet for members to participate. Mark, Steve Twining, Monica Weil, Gary Gole expressed an interest in the workshop.
- President Ringler recognized Robin Greenberg as the new Outreach Committee Chair and thanked her for her recent efforts at the Big Sunday and Fire Day events.
- Ron Galperin thanked Robin for her new role.

Treasurer's Report (Agenda Item #6)

- ◆ **Motion** to approve the Treasurer's Report. Andrew Schwartz made motion. Steve Twining seconded. **Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**
- Steve Twining commented on the Mayor's efforts to keep the NC's budget to \$50,000 and suggested a thank you letter be sent to his office.
- Ron Galperin agreed with Steve and stated the NC's budget was fortunate to remain the same, with the City's current budget deficit.
- President Ringler asked Steve to draft a thank you letter.
- Gary Plotkin asked if a template had been created for requesting funds from the NC. David Espinoza responded that there is a current template and is being revised by Alan Fine.
- ◆ **Motion** to approve \$2,000 to Fires Station 71 to complete the installation of a security gate at the station. Gary Plotkin made motion. Chuck Maginnis seconded. Discussion was held. **Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

Mayor's Office Report (Agenda item #7)

- No Report.

Council District #5 Report (Agenda item #8)

- Sonia Kwon discussed the procedures to report "Party Houses" to LAPD and encouraged everyone to contact LAPD and Parking Enforcement during such event.
- Michelle Fleenor advised that any information on such "parties" would help Police when reporting such events.
- Chuck Maginnis asked what the punishment was for hosting this type of party. Sonia commented there is a fine for the offense.
- Mark Krajewski asked if charity events needed a permit. Michelle Fleenor commented that a permit is needed to host an event.
- Chair Ringler asked if the permit for the "Party House" could be obtained to operate a business out of a house. Sonia commented that the possibility of a permit would depend on the event.
- Joshua Berman stated Benedict Canyon had similar issues with certain events and noted that any structures that are set up for an event required a permit.
- Sonia commented on getting information on the parties via the internet to report to LAPD. President Ringler stated that the Senior Lead Office could also be contacted about the parties.
- Sonia informed the Board on the progress of the left turn signal on Laurel Canyon and Mulholland and should be completed soon.

DONE Report (Agenda item #9)

- No Report.

Public Safety/Disaster Preparedness (Agenda Item #10)

- No Report.

Office Report (Agenda Item #11)

- David Espinoza commented that he would not be able to set the agenda for the June meeting, since he would be on vacation. He suggested moving the agenda setting call a week early on June 11 to ensure the agenda is posted on time.

Planning and Land Use Committee (Agenda Item #12)

- Carol Sidlow discussed a motion that was approved at the committee level for a letter to be read at the June 4th hearing in opposition of the proposed development at 10523 Selkirk Lane.
- She briefed on the \$15,000 that was given to the Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy by the City Council for an Open Space Wildlife Corridor.
- She discussed a motion that was approved at the committee level to request a meeting with Council District 5 and appropriate City Departments to discuss the current situation on West Crescent.
- She commented on the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance that was approved for the flat lands.
- Steve Twining commented on the Mayor's support of the Hillside Mansionization.

Bylaws/ Rules Committee Report (Agenda Item #13)

- President Ringler discussed the letter from the City Clerk's office stating the reasons for their denial for holding the "At-Large" elections this year.
- He stated that Larry Leisten suggestion was to wait until 2010.

Outreach Committee (Agenda Item #14)

- Robin Greenberg passed out pictures of the Big Sunday and Fire Service Day events.
- She thanked everyone who participated and welcome her new role as Chair of the committee.

Traffic Committee (Agenda Item #15)

- The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 10, 2008 with guest speaker Deputy Chief Terry Hara.

Public Schools Update (Item #16)

- No Report.

New Business/General Announcements (Item #17)

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Espinoza
Administrator